



# County of Fairfax, Virginia

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Thank You Fairfax County!

As many of you are aware, the results of the library's Public Engagement Initiative were released earlier this month. The full report and appendices have been posted online. You can also watch the presentation as a video on demand.

I know I speak on behalf of the entire library staff when I thank everyone in the community who supported the effort. Even our consultant, CIVICTechnologies, was amazed by the number of responses the library received from the community survey.

We are grateful for the time and energy so many people are willing to invest to have a state-of-the-art library system in Fairfax County. In addition to the thousands of people who took the time to answer the survey, we also had hundreds participating in the community forums and other focus groups, meetings and interviews. Many personally contacted the consultant by phone and email to share their thoughts.

I would like to especially thank the Library Board of Trustees who initiated and oversaw the process, specifically members of the planning committee, chaired originally by Priscille Dando and currently by Charles Fegan for all the time they spent ensuring a smooth and transparent process.

At this time, parties are in the midst of reviewing all of the findings to determine the best next steps forward. Stay tuned!

Sincerely,

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